

1	2	3	4
19. Punjab		377	285
20. Rajasthan		171	312
21. Tamil Nadu		2368	2693
22. Tirpura		38	21
23. Uttar Pradesh		6359	5417
24. West Bengal		241	97
25. Delhi		828	620
26. Pondicherry		5	—
27. A&N Islands		3	1
28. Chandigarh		19	12
Total		12799	11565

[English]

Trade with Bangladesh

4316. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to expand trade relation with Bangladesh; and

(b) if so, the details of areas identified for Indo-Bangla trade in the Ninth Plan;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) It is Government's Policy to expand trade relations with all countries, including neighbouring countries like Bangladesh.

(b) India and Bangladesh have recently exchanged tariff concessions on a number of products of mutual interest with a view to increase bilateral trade. However, no area has been identified in this regard in the Ninth Plan.

[Translation]

World Bank Aided Projects in Bihar

4317. SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV : Will the Minister for the STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of projects functioning in Bihar with the assistance of the World Bank, location-wise;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from the Bihar Government to launch some more projects with the assistance of the World Bank;

(c) if so, the number of projects lying pending with the Union Government for clearance, location-wise; and

(d) the reasons for delay in granting them clearance ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) There are four World Bank aided projects in the State of the Bihar, the location-wise details are as under :-

Name of the Project	Locations in Bihar
1. Bihar Plateau Dev.	Ranchi, Chaibara, Jamshedpur & Dumka
2. Technician Education-I (Multi-State)	Bokaro, Patna, Ranchi, Dhanbad, Muzaffarpur, Aurrangabad, Siwan, Manoharpur, Saharsa & Dumka
3. States Road (Multi-State)	Construction of a bridge over Ganga at Bhagalpur & approach roads to the bridge
4. Shrimp & Fish Culture (Multi-State)	Eastern Champaran, Muzaffarpur & Begusarai

Besides these projects there is one Project Preparation Facility extended to the State of Bihar to undertake diagnostic studies for Reform & restructuring of the State power sector and many other Central Sector project with the World Bank assistance in which the State of Bihar is one of the beneficiary.

(b) to (d) There are a number of proposed projects for World Bank assistance to the State of Bihar. Some of these are Bihar Forestry, Submrekha Irrigation and Bihar Primary Education project. These projects are at various stages of processing and the details including the amount in respect of these projects will be known only after the finalisation of aid negotiations with the World Bank.

[English]

Legislative Ceiling on Public Debts

4318. SHRI I.D. SWAMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has sought a legislative ceiling on Public debts;

(b) if so, the action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(c) whether the RBI also called upon the Government for higher inflows of foreign savings to supplement

domestic savings; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (h) The Reserve Bank of India, in its Annual Report for 1995-96 has suggested, inter alia, setting up a legislative ceiling on public debt. The Bank has been requested to prepare a discussion paper on the issue.

(c) and (d) The RBI again in its Annual Report for 1995-96, while emphasizing the need for higher foreign capital to supplement domestic savings, had also indicated that the level of the current account deficit should be sustainable and consistent with the macro economic balance. There has been a restructuring of capital flows, and as a result the share of non-debt creating flows in the form of direct and portfolio investment in total capital flows has increased considerably in recent years.

Infrastructure Development in Border Areas Alongwith N.E. Region.

4319. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of proposals of the development of infrastructure in the border areas received from the Government of Mizoram and Manipur are pending with his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof including its financial outlays.

(c) whether his Ministry has announced any package for the development of infrastructure in the border areas of the North-Eastern region alongwith Myanmar, Bhutan, Bangladesh and China Borders;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith its financial outlays during each of the last three years; and

(e) the action taken by the Government to sanction those proposals during 1997-98, in view of part (a) and (b) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Commerce has received certain suggestions from the Government of Manipur which, inter alia, include the issues relating to development of infrastructure in the border areas. Since these suggestions were of general nature, the State Government has been requested to send specific proposals for consideration of this Ministry. A proposal has been received from the Government of Mizoram for creation of border township at Champai which

has been referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs for their consideration.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. While no separate package has been announced for development of infrastructure in the border areas, the Ministry makes continuous efforts to facilitate international trade on these borders by providing adequate banking, customs, immigration and other related trading arrangements.

(e) Does not arise.

National Cooperative Bank

4320 SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to State National Co-operative Bank of India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that a society by the name 'National Co-operative Bank of India' has sought a licence to conduct banking business. RBI has further informed that grant of such a licence will require amendment of the Banking Regulation Act.

Export Quota of Textile

4321. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have allotted export quota of textile product; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the percentage of total export of the country if forms ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) to (b) There are quantitative restrictions (quotas) on exports of certain textile and clothing items from India applied by the U.S.A., the European Community Countries, Canada and Norway. These quotas are allocated among exporters under the provisions of the Garment and Textiles Export Entitlement Policies, notified by the Government.

Presently in value terms, the exports of quota items contribute approximately 41% to our total exports of textile and clothing items.

Banking Division of KVIC

4322. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Banking Division is functioning under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC);